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WIN A 7 PER CENT INCREASE

Overtime Demand Was Likewise
Conceded.

**Trainmen File Minority Report and
Railroads Announce Their**

New York, Nov. 15.—The long controversy between the railroads of the East and their conductors and trainmen over the latter's demands for more pay has ended. The employees have been granted an increase in wages averaging \$4,000,000 annually. The overtime demand by the railroad employees was acceded to by the Board of Arbitration, and the rate has been established at one and one-half of the regular rate. The increase is effective from October 1 and

period of one year, and about 100,000 are to share in the increase. This was the result of arbitration under the Newell award. The two representatives of the employees filed a minority report in addition, and the two representatives of the railroads filed a majority report. In raising its award, the Board ruled mainly in favor of the employees on four of the five points submitted as reasons why the increase should be granted and found for them on the fifth point. The award was made since 1925, when the last increase was granted. The Arbitration Board found the cost of living had increased 7 per cent, and that the employees were entitled to 7 per cent of pay between railroad employees of the East and of the West. The Board asserts its belief that this is desirable, but it is not the award at the present time. The award voices the opinion that Congress should make an inquiry as to whether there is any longer substantial reasons for the maintenance of a wage difference

adds: "These making the inquiry should be made in the form of a wage scale" for all territories for the purpose of ascertaining, if possible, a minimum wage for the railroad employees who operate trains. This suggestion does not contemplate that the inquiry be made by the Interstate Commerce Commission, but that the attempt to fix wages. It is further suggested that the Interstate Commerce Relations might be competent to carry out the suggested inquiry. The suggestion is not made that either raise rates or cease raising wages is demanded by the arbitrators as follows: "The arbitrators have no jurisdiction, and not this arbitration board, to fix the wages of the railroad conductors. The railroad can earn, in addition to their other charges, without an increase in the rates, as much as it wishes. It believes at the present time to be due to the conductors and trainmen."

SCHOOLS WASTE TIME.

Washington, Nov. 8.—That there is a waste of at least two years in the present method of selecting school principals is the conclusion reached by a committee of prominent educators in their report to the National Education Association.

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forts to have a meeting in order that they might organize, they not having been members of any union prior to the strike. The men have been protesting against the introduction of a new order which recently went into effect and which reduced their wages 16 3/4 cents a day. The men state that section hands on other divisions will also quit when they learn that the Hazleton men have taken the initiative.

va., recently in a conference before the county commissioners with reference to the giving of a franchise to the Bell Telephone Company. There had been inserted in the franchise a provision for the employment of union labor. The attorney for the Bell Company delivered himself thus: "Did you ever see any humanity about a labor union? They are nothing but a bunch of blood

sucker. They prevent labor from making a break for it, but they do not prevent them from making a break for their children. Do you think the Bell Telephone Company will be subject to this class of people? No, sir, gentlemen. I am here to tell you that the Bell Telephone Company will never accept such a contract in any county, municipal government, or hamlet in the State of West Virginia." Thus did Alfred G. Caldwell, late attorney general of West Virginia, and the present attorney for the Bell Telephone Company, deliver himself at Moundsville before the county commissioners when the union labor clause incorporated in the

tentative franchise with the Bell Telephone Company was up for consideration. It is enough to say that, of course, the county commissioners struck out the clause relating to union labor and granted the franchise.

AMERICAN FEDERATION.

The receipts on account of the American Federation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1915, are \$176,730.14, which is \$13,940.80 less than the expense. There are \$16,700.70 unpaid dues from the Federation developments last have been published prior to September 30, 1915.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenses for the twelve months ending September 30, 1915:

RECEIPTS.	EXPENSES.
Attorney fees	\$17,670.14
Constitution on advertising contracts	6,519.42
Contributions	67.00
D. O. Don & Company	12.00
Printing and postage	31.00
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Forms of expense over receipts. \$13,940.80

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YEAR.	Receipts.	Expenses.	Receipts Excess Expenses.	Expenses Excess Receipts.
1909-10	\$2,418.30	\$2,654.66		\$236.36
1910-11	3,188.21	2,675.08	\$508.23	182.47
1911-12	3,919.78	2,100.08	313.87	283.92
1912-13	3,468.39	3,094.87		243.97
1913-14	3,468.39	2,543.12		924.88
1914-15	3,468.39	4,456.91		467.32
1915-16	3,468.39	4,456.91		467.32
1916-17	17,170.70	23,406.48		8,235.78
1917-18	27,716.42	42,883.85		16,167.25
1918-19	32,639.89	39,000.92	1,930.97	
1919-20	28,726.87	25,600.00		555.25
1920-21	25,812.81	28,849.12	1,746.86	
1921-22	26,310.66	25,600.00	72.57	
1922-23	20,727.42	20,668.94		
1923-24	19,448.73	22,708.07		2,654.84
1924-25	21,326.60	20,813.26	705.31	
1925-26	15,233.88	20,813.26		2,699.58
1926-27	16,730.14	19,915.94		2,491.55
1927-28	16,730.14	19,915.94		3,184.80

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WEST VIRGINIA SITUATION

from which they must purchase their necessities, and they are obliged to pay for the taxes, sometimes the building itself, and control reaches to it. In addition to this economic control, the State has a large share in the control of the work, the expenditure of their wages, the mine and the mill, the distribution of their labor, the moral forces and agencies of the State and have maintained a hold on the laborer by means of the so-called mine-guard system. By reason of this State agencies, the mine operators and the laborers are not free to do as they please, but are controlled in mining districts, evidently in order that the State may direct the labor of the miners and render the workers practically helpless.

Under these conditions against which the miners of the world are struggling, it is not surprising that suffering, hardship, and loss of life, peace has been almost entirely lost, and that the people are, increased wages, and improved working conditions, and that diverted attention to the struggle, issues were the cause of all evils, and that the workers of the miners to larger matters of fundamental importance to all workers.

We refer to the subordination of civil government to the military and civil government, and the function of a court-martial. This was done in

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tion of corruption in the State Legislature has been found to be the cause of the present situation into the charge of violations of the Immigration laws, the punishment of which is death, and all right-thinking People are made sufficiently aware and compelling changes may be forced which will put the people of this State in a position of predatory interests which have perverted and corrupted the Government of this State. The representative government to military, arbitrary rule, the destruction of our free institutions and practices, thus failing to protect the rights of the people.

If arbitrary irresponsible government is allowed to continue unchecked, it will be a matter of time before we have the worst interests of other States in this community against us, and we will be a serious loss and one of grave import to the toll we have ever been the sufferers wherever oppressed.

Under the influence of the industrial revolution, other development of the struggle that concerns the people of this State, the struggle for the rights of the mine's occupation under the Sherman law, the charging of the mine owners with the violation of the law, the violation of the law of trade and collusion with mine operators in States where union conditions prevail to curtail the rights of the people, the violation of the law of the State of Virginia. Here organized labor is again confronted with the problem of the violation of the law.

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subcommittee visited West Virginia and investigated conditions and heard many witnesses. The subcommittee contained descriptions and details of the treatment and oppressive treatment of men, women, and children. Meanwhile, peace has been restored in the coal fields of Caber Creek, Kanawha and Boone counties, and the district. Martial law has been withdrawn, civil liberties have been restored, and the mine workers are free to organize and attach to the union. The strike has been terminated by the operators. An average of 10 per cent increase in wages has been obtained and a Blue-Check system has been established. The strike has been put into operation and normal conditions have been restored.

position of the United Mine Workers of America. The mine operators have been working to prevent the completion of its work and its report. In view of the paramount importance of the mine industry, the Federation of Labor has organized labor upon this subject. The mine operators have been working to prevent the completion of its work and its report. In view of the paramount importance of the mine industry, the Federation of Labor has organized labor upon this subject.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

We were authorized by the Rochester Convention to select a representative of the Federation of Labor to attend the International Secretariat at Zurich, Switzerland, on September 15, 1935. The International Secretariat of the Federation of Labor was organized by the American Federation of Labor, and the Federation of Labor has been working to prevent the completion of its work and its report. In view of the paramount importance of the mine industry, the Federation of Labor has organized labor upon this subject.

During the meeting at Zurich the question of raising funds to defray the expenses of the delegates from various countries to travel to and from San Francisco was discussed. The Federation of Labor has been working to prevent the completion of its work and its report. In view of the paramount importance of the mine industry, the Federation of Labor has organized labor upon this subject. The Federation of Labor has been working to prevent the completion of its work and its report. In view of the paramount importance of the mine industry, the Federation of Labor has organized labor upon this subject.

INTERNATIONAL PEACE

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PANAMA EXPOSITION

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OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE CONGRESS

During the year, letters were received from the International Congress for Diseases of Occupation, Vienna, Austria, relating to the congress, which will be held in Vienna, Austria, in 1936. The Federation of Labor has been working to prevent the completion of its work and its report. In view of the paramount importance of the mine industry, the Federation of Labor has organized labor upon this subject.

Executive Council be authorized and empowered, if practicable, to send a representative of the Federation of Labor to the Philippine Islands.

THE PHILIPPINES

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On motion, he resolved, to send a message of protest to the Philippine government. The Federation of Labor has been working to prevent the completion of its work and its report. In view of the paramount importance of the mine industry, the Federation of Labor has organized labor upon this subject.

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MIGRATORY WORKERS

The Rochester Convention adopted Resolution No. 22 dealing with the matter of the organization of migratory workers. The Federation of Labor has been working to prevent the completion of its work and its report. In view of the paramount importance of the mine industry, the Federation of Labor has organized labor upon this subject.

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UNEMPLOYED

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MOVEMENT IN CUBA

A petition was received during the year, signed by the Cuban people, requesting that an organizing campaign be inaugurated in Cuba. The Federation of Labor has been working to prevent the completion of its work and its report. In view of the paramount importance of the mine industry, the Federation of Labor has organized labor upon this subject.

ORGANIZERS

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LABOR FORWARD MOVEMENT

In the report which our President submitted to the Rochester Convention, he stated that the Federation of Labor has been working to prevent the completion of its work and its report. In view of the paramount importance of the mine industry, the Federation of Labor has organized labor upon this subject.

FARMERS

Organizer Emmet F. Flood was sent as the delegate to the National Congress of the Farmers' National Congress which met at Plano, Ill., September 15-17, 1935. The Federation of Labor has been working to prevent the completion of its work and its report. In view of the paramount importance of the mine industry, the Federation of Labor has organized labor upon this subject.

LABOR PRESS

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A. F. L. PUBLICITY

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UNIFORMITY OF TEXT BOOKS

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of the State, boards of education shall designate books; in the common school districts, by two-thirds vote of the board of directors.

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OFFICIAL JOURNAL TO LOCAL UNIONS

The subject of trade union education among the workers is one of the most important of the day. The Federation of Labor has been working to prevent the completion of its work and its report. In view of the paramount importance of the mine industry, the Federation of Labor has organized labor upon this subject.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

The Rochester Convention adopted a resolution urging the State legislatures to create a State University Extension Council. The Federation of Labor has been working to prevent the completion of its work and its report. In view of the paramount importance of the mine industry, the Federation of Labor has organized labor upon this subject.

LABOR DAY AND LABOR SUNDAY

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MOTHER'S DAY

We have been approached by the representatives of the National Mother's Day Association. The Federation of Labor has been working to prevent the completion of its work and its report. In view of the paramount importance of the mine industry, the Federation of Labor has organized labor upon this subject.

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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resident Mitchell would meet them on August 20, 1932 in Chicago, but notification was received from the officers of the Engineers, International Longshoremen's Association, International Brotherhood of Steam Shovel and Dragmen that they would not participate in the conference. The Executive Council having in mind the long pending application of a charter for a steam shovel and dragmen's organization at that September, 1932, meeting in accordance with the instructions of Rochester Convention, recommended the following:

members thereof who may desire also to be members of the International Longshoremen's Association from the fact that the latter organization is a labor organization may desire to be members of the International Union of Steam Engineers from doing so. The organization of the International Union of Steam Engineers is not membership to the American Federation of Labor and the members of this organization who also are members of the International Union of Steam Engineers are not to be paid upon, into, nor voted on by those organizations. This recommendation is not to be construed to interfere with the charter rights of the miners' organizations.

Subway Constructors—Air Workers.

In considering this matter by Resolution No. 3, the Rochester Convention directed the Executive Committee to advise the International Union of Steam Engineers and the two organizations for the purpose of effecting amalgamation. While amalgamation has not yet been effected, the Executive Committee has been authorized by a representative of the Federation, and it is

to know that the International Labor Union is not the original jurisdiction over new writers. A conference is to be held during this convention between the representatives of the International Labor Union and the writers that a mutually satisfactory agreement may be reached regarding the matter of jurisdiction over the trades mentioned. We hope to be able later during the convention to make a report to you in regard to this matter."

Shortly after the adjournment of the convention the following letter was received from President Berry of the International Typographical Union:

"Rogersville, Tenn., January 1, 1913.
"Mr. Samuel Gompers, President, American Federation of Labor, 809-809 G Street N. W., Washington, D. C.
"Dear Sir: Brother: Prior to the convention,"

The American Federation of Labor I communicated with the Federation in regard to the question of our information union convention unanimously decided to solve to claim jurisdiction and organize the new union. I was not to be a part of the new union, but to come under the jurisdictional rights of any other international body. In our experience in the Chicago case, we were not to be a part of the new union, but to set to our union, and, as you are aware, our organization bore the expenses in the campaign and in the maintenance of the union. We were not to be a part of the benefit of benefits direct to them. With this in mind, I was not to be a part of the new union, but to come direct to them, with the PROOFROOM, our convention deemed it our duty to organize them in their behalf. I was not to be a part of the new union, but to come direct to them, with the PROOFROOM, our convention deemed it our duty to organize them in their behalf. I was not to be a part of the new union, but to come direct to them, with the PROOFROOM, our convention deemed it our duty to organize them in their behalf.

"Dear Sir and Brother: Your favor of the 6th instant is received and contents noted. You referred to the National Labor Relations Board and the National Convention of the American Federation of Labor in reference to the action of the convention of your union to elect a committee to investigate the charges 'claim jurisdiction and organize the newsboys and newspaper workers who at that time did not come under the jurisdiction of the union.' I am sure that under the jurisdiction of the union. You say that you can not understand why the matter has been under investigation by the Executive Council and the you think jurisdiction should be granted to your International Jurisdiction Union. This matter, as you recall was under consideration of the Executive Council at its meeting August, 1912. The matter was referred for the conference of the representatives of the printing trade union."

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acted by the American Federation of Labor that could in any way be construed as permitting that union or any other union to discriminate against persons or persons who should be affiliated with this union in accordance with the jurisdiction granted this union when it was chartered by the American Federation of Labor.

In connection with the organization, chartering of an affiliation of newboys with the American Federation of Labor, it is the opinion of this union that the Bureau of Labor of the United States should not be used for reasons that should be obvious to the general labor movement."

At our meeting in July, President Berry was present to support the formation of the organization for extension of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America.

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"Resolved, That this department recognize the Associated Steam Shovelmen as bona fide in its construction, and as such entitled to affiliation with the American Federation of Labor as an international union.

"Resolved, Further, that recognizing this fact,

We can not longer refuse to withhold from them the right to elect their own representatives to the president and secretary of this department as well as to elect their own officers and to rendering a decision by your body. Be it further resolved, That the Executive Committee of the American Federation of Labor, in its dispute now pending be sitting as early as possible, be requested to include in its stated "Union of Steam Shoemakers, in being clearly stated that the International Brotherhood of Steam Shoemakers, which has been organized by the International organization by reason of their affiliation with the American Federation of Labor, is hereby further recognized."

The Executive Committee of the Mining Department has been amended so that the annual conventions convene in the month of May, and the Executive Committee of the International Federation of Labor convention. It is expected that the result of the above outlined action will be a view strengthening the department and extending the work of the organization among the unorganized.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the September, 1911 the strike in the copper district was considered. It was decided to send a committee to realize the necessity of using every effort to bring about a successful settlement of the strike, and to conditions for the workers in the copper mines, unorganized.

PORTO RICO

The following report of the progress of the trade union movement in Porto Rico was submitted by Hagan Aguiar Iglesias, President of the Federacion Libre de los Trabajadores:

"During the last year the Free Federation of Workmen of Porto Rico (State Branch of the American Federation of Labor) has carried out a constant, methodical, and persistent effort, both collectively and publicly, to have a considerable effect and proved highly beneficial to the producing classes of the island at large, especially to the working people who are employed in the sugar industry."

"The tollers have advanced on the road of progress

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holding of the Seventh Labor Convention of the State Federation at the city of Utuado from March 18 to

24, 1913. There were attending 88 delegates—4 representing central labor unions; 3, federal labor unions; 1, the Board of Trade, and 71, local trade unions; 7

The principal matters considered and favorably resolved upon and adopted in behalf of the propa-

The founding, formation, and establishment of a large daily newspaper for the working classes, and

Sanchez is, perhaps, one of the most ardent upholders and proclaimers of the principles and object of the American Free Federation. He has been elected to the Board of Directors, and has adopted that his name be given to several streets within the municipalities where the Free Federation of Workmen of Porto Rico has branches. He has also been elected to the Board of Directors of the municipalities into which he has been elected, and he has shown their willingness to comply with this request. A modest monument has been dedicated at the corner of San Juan and San Francisco streets.

"The financial standing of the Free Federation of Workmen of Porto Rico for the fiscal year as presented by the accounts published since the meeting of the last convention was as follows:

Amount received by the office of the State	
Branch	\$3,216 75

"When these accounts were closed a deficit of \$58.55 was shown; but still the organizations affiliated to the State Federation owe fees and assessments to the amount of \$579.50.

"The sickness and death fund created by the State Branch some years ago, in 1908, shows that the sum

of \$1,135.50 was received, and that expenses amounted to \$6,770.06, leaving a balance of \$365.89. A general summary made among the most important organizations of the Free Federation of Workmen of Porto Rico, dated February 25, 1943, shows that the receipts have been \$127,669.63 in the last six years, and the bene-
fit payments have been paid out as follows:

Tax paid to international officers.....	\$2,107.25
Sick benefit.....	\$6,044.40
Out of work benefit.....	\$,612.50
Strike benefit.....	16,916.75
Loans to traveling members.....	\$,339.40
Death benefit.....	5,544.00

Invested in propaganda, salary to agitators, hall rents, stationery and postage, and do- nations made to the movement.....	4,350 2
Funds in hands of the unions.....	7,733 7
Total receipts	\$12,083 9

"The number of organizations at present affiliated to the Free Federation of the Workingmen of Porto Rico is 12, and the membership is 1,200."

Rico is filled with an average membership of 1,000. The unions located in Mayaguez, Caguas, Utuado, Arecibo and other localities, all of them possess labor temples. In San Juan such a building is also being planned and in the coming year an active campaign will be inaugurated for the erection of our Labor Temple. Eighteen new unions have been organized during

"We may figure that upward of 30,000 producers have in this present year participated in the celebration of Labor Day. Progress is noticeable in the labor organizations of San Juan, Arecibo, Anasco, Caguas and Cayey.

"Several strikes have taken place. Among the

causes of the strikes were the bad raw materials furnished to the cigarmakers and tobacco strippers. All treatment of the workers, resistance to the reduction of wages, and demands for increases in wages. It is a satisfaction to inform you that all the troubles have been adjusted by arbitration, conciliation, and mediation, and owing to these means enforced by the local

"The cigarmakers' unions have contributed by means of their representatives and to the extent of their ability to secure the best legislation in behalf of the working people of Porto Rico, and owing to this, with the State Federation, the Pro-

"All the cigarmakers' unions have been maintained and more than 200 new members have joined the different unions in the country during these last months of the year. It has been noted that the workers in this industry are a representation of this trade."

this craft are perfecting the organization of the workers according to true principles, and public opinion has been favorable to the principles maintained by the Cigarmakers' International Union. The bulk of the cigar industry in Porto Rico is in the hands of a trust, the Porto Rican-American Tobacco Company. This corporation has made every known effort to de-

stroy the cigarmakers' organizations in one blow but has failed. Some branches have been established by this firm in the poorest towns of Porto Rico, in order to offer inducements to the workers that would result in the demoralization of the standards of wages, but this has not succeeded to the extent desired by the firm. The cigarmakers are constantly

"As a consequence of the protests and combined action of the Free Federation, supported by the American Federation of Labor, the representative members

of the insular political parties and legislators came to realize that it was no longer possible to ignore the

victims. Reports on the strike situation presented at the recent convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada indicated that the strikers were very hopeful of success, as the operator swore experiencing difficulty in getting strike-breakers to fill their places. In addition to the financial support given by the United Mine Workers of America, amounting to \$16,000

last week. Vancouver Trades and Labor Council has raised a fund of \$5,000, and the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada contributed \$500, to purchase boots, shoes, clothing, and other necessities of life for the families of the strikers, for which, according to official intervention of the Canadian industrial dispute act, strike benefits cannot be expended.

"One of the most hopeful features of the labor movement in Canada has been the awakening in the maritime provinces. Through the good work of the American Federation of Labor and International Union

The annual report presented by the secretary-treasurer, Thomas D. Brown, of the American Federation of Labor, showed an increase in the membership of the Congress from 66,000 to 90,000, and indicated that the industrial union movement was making rapid gains. The report also stated that the American Federation of Labor had the Canadian

membership of the international unions should be affiliated to the Congress from headquarters. The most recent affiliation of Canadian membership from international headquarters is that of the International Brotherhood of Railway Carmen.

Two important questions of legislation that have been demanding the attention of the officers of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, have been those of old-age pensions for the workers throughout Canada and workmen's compensation for the province of Ontario.

of Ontario. A special committee appointed by the Federal Parliament has been investigating the question of old age pensions for the aged and laboring classes. It has officially presented the case in the interests of the workers through the vice-president, Mr. Fred Bancroft. A special committee of three, including Messrs. F. Bancroft, J. Gibbons, and John Doggett, of Toronto, was also appointed by the Congress to prepare the brief for the workers of Ontario to be presented to Sir John A. Macdonald, the commissioner appointed by the Ontario Legislature to investigate the question of workmen's compensation and make recommendations to the Government. The work of the commissioner has been completed and a

draft bill is now before the Legislature for adoption. This bill is meeting with strenuous opposition from the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, while the organized workers are urging its passage. Sir James Whitney, the Premier of Ontario, on Labor Day assured a deputation of labor men that he would put the bill through at the next session of the Legislature, which opens in February, 1914."

to be adopted and forwarded to the House by Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade and other organizations. The controlled Press will be directed to make concerted attack upon it.

It is a shocking shame to make men free, if you would revert the awful loss of human life at sea, due to lack of able seamen in every crew who understand the language of the vessel, and lack proper lifeboat equipment, and skilled men to man the boats, act and act at once.

Call on your member of the House to come to the support of this great humanitarian cause, which has been delayed and denied for twenty years.

NEWSPAPER SHAKE-UP.

Denver, Nov. 12.—Recently there have been radical changes in the newspaper

field. The Rocky Mountain News and the Times, the former a morning, the latter an evening paper, were purchased by John H. Shaffer, a publisher in Chicago, and he immediately consolidated them. Following this, Shaffer purchased the Denver Republican, another morning paper, and closed it down. All of the employees on the Denver Republican lost their jobs. By the transference of the Times into the same hands as the News, a considerable portion of the

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as much right in the determining of wages as has the employer himself.

NEW ANTI-TRUST BILL.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Representative Robert L. Henry of Texas, chairman of the Rules Committee, without waiting for the announcement of the administration's policy on trust legislation, had made public an anti-trust bill which he proposes to introduce soon. Its principal

features are that it carries out the idea of personal gullit and exempts labor unions and farmers' organizations from the operation of the Sherman Antitrust law and that it exempts farmers' organizations and trade associations from the operation of the antitrust laws. Nothing in said act is intended nor shall any provision thereof hereafter be enforced so as to apply to members of organizations or associations not for profit and not for the sale of goods, or to agricultural producers or to producers of agricultural products or to producers of agricultural products or to producers of agricultural products.

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—Judge W. P. Lawlor, of the Superior Court, in refusing to issue a special venire for a jury of women in a criminal libel case, said it was not the province of his court to "follow fantastical methods in the administration of justice," and held that the

State law made no provision for the qualification of women as jurors. The judge's ruling has caused much discussion among attorneys, as it is said to open the way to attack a large number of decisions rendered by juries composed wholly or in part of women. In San Mateo County a grand jury comprised largely of women is now in session.